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FROM THE WIZARD'S MOUTH...

Did you ever stop to think how hard it is for me to write an opening monologue for this every month? This is the third time I've sat down at the computer and I still haven't gotten past the "Circulation". Maybe this time I won't delete everything I've written, including this. Of course, if I delete it you won't be reading this, and therefore one might say I'm talking to myself. That is, of course, presuming that this never reaches print. And if it doesn't, that won't lead anyone to presume anything... Did you ever stop to think how hard it is for me to write an opening monologue for this every month?

I'm thinking that, for a change of pace this month, I'm going to take a stand on a controversial subject (for a change??). You'll find out what it is in the letter column (I'm not saying whose letter because I want to see how many of you out there are actually reading this!). Actually, it isn't a new subject, and I'm sure I'm not the first (or the last) to debate it. In any case, it ought to be interesting...

There ought to be some other goodies somewhere inside here too. The response to the Annish was generally good, though I haven't heard from certain individuals in Rochester yet. So I'd better wait before I jump to generalizations.

MEET YOUR COMPUTER

Hi, most of you don't me, but I'm the one who makes this entire ANDUIN thing possible. That's right, I'm Eric's computer. Now you might think being a computer is pretty rough, but actually it isn't so bad. I kinda like it. The electricity Eric feeds me is top notch, and he doesn't overuse me so I get lots of sleep. He does have some shortcomings though, and I should know since I know him better than probably any of you. I probably know him better than he knows himself! For one thing, he really ought to learn how to type correctly, I really get tired of him always backspacing and sometimes when he makes a mistake, he punches me. Me! As if it were my fault! And another thing, sometimes when he is typing on me he has a cold and sneezes all over me! Yecchh! Disgusting snot and mucus get stuck in between the keys and seep into my circuits. Also he really ought to do something about his breath. I mean he's only about 12 inches away from me so you would think he would at least have the common courtesy to rinse with Scope before turning me on. Speaking of which, that is one of his positive attributes, Eric really turns me on. Sometimes when he is typing for a long time, I get really hot all over! He may not be perfect but I love him all the same. If you have any questions about Eric, feel free to ask me. We sleep in the same room so I'm privy to all his notes, letters and telephone calls. Off the record indeed! Well, I better let Eric get to work before he starts to suspect something, see you all next month!

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Subscriptions can be obtained at the rate of \$6/10 issues, \$10/20 issues or \$20/45 issues. There are no game openings at present in regular dip, but there is an opening in Anarchy (17 player variant). There is a \$1 game fee for this; so far the following people are signed up: Anderson, Stone, Murray, Makuc, Kollmer, Furey, Cameron, Hutton, Lew* and Ross*. We still need 7 more!! Come on people, this is the last game opening in Anduin for a long time! (*=still need to pay).
 Stand-by list for Reg Dip.: Stone, Ellis, Murray, Hakey, Makuc, Ansoff, Corbin, Anderson, Lorber, Dancause & Frueh.
 Stand-by list for Variants: Scheifler, Anderson, Keller, Quirk, Dancause & Makuc.
 Stand-by list for Kingmaker: None!! Help!

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 Been reading some more good books in school: The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli, Antony and Cleopatra by W. Shakespeare and "Hedda Gabbler" by Henrik Ibsen. Strange. Also read Of Human Bondage and King Lear, but I think I mentioned them last issue. One of these days, I'll do a review when I need to fill some space.

CONRAD BROUGHT YOU . . . MONGO

By Rod Wlaker

Somebody (I forgot who) not too long ago had the poor judgement to accuse me of doing nothing but reminisce, as if this were some sort of bad thing. Aside from the fact that the accusation is untrue, when I do this sort of thing I regard it as sharing memories. Postal Diplomacy is lucky that, after 20 years of existence, it has people with memories of its early days to share. So now we will have a few more, right from the very beginnings of the hobby.

The story of MONGO, the first postal Diplomacy 'zine, is an odd one, full of unexpected developments. Of course the actual postal Diplomacy hobby did not grow out of MONGO; that came with GRAUSTARK nearly a year later. But MONGO was the first, even if, in the end, it was stillborn. The story of MONGO can be read in RUDDIGORE 2, which reproduces all the issues of the 'zine, and can be obtained from the writer (1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA, 92024) for a buck. But here is the story without the copies.

Wargaming had come to San Diego in the 50s. For multiple players, the big thing in those days was Risk and there were several of us who played it now and then on weekends. Then in 1961 Conrad von Metzke noticed an ad in a major magazine (THE ATLANTIC, I believe) for something called "Diplomacy". He thought it sounded spiffy, and so did I. So I ordered a copy. It must have been all of \$5.95 or some such in those days, a veritable fortune! And then it came, the first Diplomacy set in San Diego (I still have it), and we were instantly captivated by it. The game made Risk look like Fish in comparison to Bridge! We immediately converted our Risk-playing friends and the San Diego Diplomacy and Cheap Beer Warehouse (a name it got later, not then) was born. We played all that summer, fall, winter, and spring... on into 1962. The summer of 1962, however, saw many of the group going to new jobs and new locations. Conrad von Metzke was one who remained behind, and he wanted our old group to stay together by mail.

Thus the first postal Diplomacy game (1962A it would be called now) was born. It was proposed, organized, and conducted by carbon letters, although those quickly took on the aspect of a 'zine. The game lasted through the end of 1962, after which several of the players decided they would not be able to continue and the game ceased.

Well, why "MONGO"? The name appeared prominently in the game reports, although not as a 'zine title as such. However, many seasons of the game were reported as having been seen from the Mongo Observatory, and the name crept into the heading of the letter...what would be the masthead of a 'zine.

Thus ended MONGO, but not its saga. Conrad discovered mainstream postal Diplomacy in 1965 and got me into it in 1966 when we accidentally ran into each other at San Diego State U. where I was working on an advanced degree. We had by then almost forgotten MONGO and the subject did not arise for some years. But by that year, 1966, 5 of the original 8 players in the MONGO game were back in postal Diplomacy. Three of them were to publish 'zines of their own: Conrad (COSTAGUANA), Bob Ward (MARSOVIA),

and myself (BKERWON). Conrad and I both published numerous other "zines as well, but that's another story. Well...that's the people, but what of MONGO itself?

I returned to San Diego permanently in 1969. Late that year we learned that another of the MONGO players, Lewis Perry, was paying an extended visit to San Diego. When we tried to recruit Lewis into postal play, he demurred, but reminded us about the old 1962 game and said he still had all the letters. It was then we remembered! I had gotten into the hobby bibliography by then, and desperately wanted those old carbon letters. Lewis promised to send them, but then dropped out of sight again and they never arrived.

Conrad and I were keenly disappointed. However, ultimately we decided that if we could not produce the real MONGO (neither of us had copies), we would produce a fake. So we both set about producing one, based on our patchy recall of the game and what the publication actually was. We put together a bibliographic listing for the "zine and moves for the game. Conrad went so far as to start up a game based on the post W02 positions we had set up, and it was this fake game which became known by the Boardman Number 1982A. The proposed fake issues, however, were never produced: partly lack of time and partly the feeling that we could not produce a convincing forgery of a pre-1963 postal game. But it was fun touting the fake as real for a while...the screams from Brooklyn were audible as far as Hawaii...although eventually we owned up to the scam.

Then the unexpected happened! My mother called to tell me that my father was cleaning out the garage and would I come by to pick up my things. What things? Oh, some files I left at various times, some books, letters, things like that. Now, since I don't throw things away, it occurred to me right then that my missing copies of MONGO might be in those boxes. I virtually burned up the freeway getting down there.

And sure enough, in a neat little file folder, were all the issues of the real MONGO. There were 10 of them, and they look about as you might expect of a non-"zine carrying a postal Diplomacy game before there was a postal Diplomacy hobby. It is now, for me, an unusual experience to look at how the hobby almost started. (It is also fun to watch certain persons get all bent out of shape when you merely mention it.)

Gee...sorry about all that reminiscing there...don't know what came over me...

((Thanks very much Rod, for sharing that with us (and four free issues!). I, for one am very glad to have old fogeys like you and Davis and others around to tell us storys similar to this. It is an invaluable asset to the hobby today.))

+++++ DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE MARCO POLL!! List in order of preference your 2 favorite zines, 3 favorite subzines and 5 favorite GMs and return your ballots to Mark Larzelere, 7607 Fontainebleau, apt 2352, New Carrollton, MD. 20784. The deadline is November 22, 1983. Don't delay!! These polls can only be meaningful if there is a large response.

SCROLLS, SPELLS AND OTHER LETTERS

From Pete Gaughan:

Got #23 today and also found my old "Anduin" file. I'm only missing #21 now. Thanks for chasing me down; and here's another idea- 12 of my zine = 10 of yours (at sub rates) so I've credited you with another year.

This may seem convoluted, but I think two advantages come about from such "mutual subs". First, either of us can stop receiving the other's zine, for any reason, without any disagreement as to when a "trade" should run through. Also, we are both assured of a fair (monetary) deal, since our zines have different costs (and I frankly think mine is overpriced anyhow!).

I'd like to see more of your writing in A-say, a regular full-page (or 2) column-other than your rather disjointed comments in the letter column.

Consider McGill, but if you hear from Carleton (sp?) College, or Washington U. in St. Louis, they have much better reps. (I'm not recommending big schools 'cause I assume you've heard of those, including my alma mater, USC.) -Pete.

((I too like the idea of mutual subs/trades etc.. Though I don't think they are the "lifeblood" of the hobby like some people in San Diego I could name! Speaking of Mr. Peery, he continues to take a stand that hobbyists should support our zines by paying high prices so that the pubber doesn't take a loss. I totally disagree with this philosophy. First of all, it is a hobby. Second, if you don't want to lose so much, print less issues and cut most of your trades. Thirdly, if we all charged high prices, the hobby would become much more disembeled, one thing we cannot afford. We are already too seperated for my taste.

I'm flattered that you'd like to see more of my writing, I promise to do so, possibly in this issue. Though in truth, I'm at my best when I'm disjointed!

As for McGill, I'm honestly not considering it, and simply chose that letter (out of about 100) because it was brief and to the point. I have heard from both Carlton and U of SL and am not particularly interested in them either. Here is a list of the colleges I am applying to (in no particular order): U. of Virginia, Haverford, Swarthmore, Johns Hopkins, U. of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell (ILR), Williams, Hamilton, Princeton, SUNY/Stonybrook, and Yale. There are a few other possibilities but so far these 12 are the ones I'm thinking seriously about.))

From Terry Tallman:

Regarding Hutton's letter last issue:

If you've ever read any early Hunter Thompson, either in his books or Rolling Stone you're aware that "gonzo" is high praise indeed. I find that half my readers laugh their asses off and the other half don't know what the hell I'm talking about.

Steve is a good gonzo writer, but, sadly, clutters his zine with puzzles and letters from the east coasters/In 6.

His point about rabid organizers is well taken. No one currently playing less than three games should be allowed to print a zine ((notice the official spelling Terry, and stop spelling szine! Does one read a magaszine? No!)), run a service, or shine Brux's shoes.

The comment that a critic is simply someone who can't create him/herself fits very aptly here. In chess all the old burnt out masters sit around doing analysis of the still-active players, passing judgements, creating and destroying reputations. I played on the Northwest Chess Circuit from '74 through '78 or '79. You've never seen feuds in Dip to compare with the bickering in Chess. And in chess there is money and careers at stake.]

Regarding Bruxism: I think it's interesting to note that in Supernova there is a warning about Bernie Tretick but not about John Boardman, Dan Palter, Brux, Del Grande or me for that matter.

I've played under Tretick, Palter & Boardman and to do so requires social skills above and beyond those for any other zine. The same obviously holds true with Brux.

Novices should probably start in a zine like Irksome, Anduin, or Winsome/Losesome where the GMing is gentler and a rookie can get his bearings.

To play for Palter you have to GM the games yourself or they tend to wander. Under Boardman- you have to avoid being linked to demons - the demons include fakes, Peery & Walker.

With Brux you've simply got to write your orders so that even a lawyer couldn't misconstrue them (is Wrobel a lawyer?).

And then of course one has to be prepared for the GM to enter the twilight zone on occasion. And they/we all do from time to time.

And what are you & Willard up too? Not nice to toss out hints and not give us the full blow by stomp account.

And yes, SAT scores ain't shit. I had the highest combined score in my class in 1968 but my grades kept me out of the small, private school I had my heart set on- Williamette University. So I did 5 and a half years in the Air Force & came back and graduated from U. of Washington in Journalism.

Finally -I'm sure glad all the ~~feed~~-artists are on your coast. Keep'em flying, -Terry.

((So am I! (?))

Regarding Chess, as you may or may not know, I play chess in NYC from time to time and I disagree with you. The attitude between the players is generally a very friendly one, and we have THE best players in the country here. The attitude towards novices like myself is also very positive, they are always willing to lend a hand in analysis, etc..

You are getting into a dangerous subject as far as what GMs to Blacklist. I believe that only Tretick deserves the treatment he's getting. Who's going to decide which GMs should be blacklisted and which shouldn't? I'm not sure about Palter or Del Grande, but I too have played under Boardman without incident. He's one of the best GMs I've played under in fact, and intend to sign up again in GRAD when I have the time, and he gets Anduin so he knows that I associate without Brux, Walker, Peery et al. As for Brux's gming--perhaps, but there is no basis for a judgement

to be passed. Besides, Brown didn't all that bad, just very obstinate.

It's not my place to say what's going on with Willie. When the time comes though, I'll let y'all know in no uncertain terms!

Williamette? That's in L.A. right? All you said just goes to show that SATs can't make up for goofing off for 4 years. I know several people who scored exceptionally well on the SATs but have been fooling around the last four years and are going to end up at Nassau Community (not yer Ivy League type school). They'll work hard for a year or two there and then probably transfer.))

From Ed Wrobel:

Now that my feud with Linsey is down to a smokeless, smouldering coal of contention, and the fight I picked with Davis probably never will get off the ground. I may as well discuss things with Kevin Stone in a mature, public manner befitting one whose SAT scores are suitably buried in the dim mists of timeless academia.

In my considered opinion, Stone is an ignorant, socially-inept, snoring, hairless, hopelessly jock Linsey toady of an adolescent who laughably tries to pass for 21 years of age. If Linsey weren't pushing his buttons he wouldn't know how to put pen to paper, much less score a pathetic 460 ((I think he said 540)) on his verbals. He must be some kind of fool to tangle with a man who has humiliated Mark Berch in print! Can he provide any documentation of his assertion that my moves were ruled illegal by Linsey prior to submission of said moves? Does he have 71 cents? Furthermore... oops-- never mind. Oh gosh Kevin, I'm sorry. I see that you admire my writing and will subscribe to Politesse! You're not such a bad sort, after all. Kanekon review will be out in late October.

Well let's see who else is available... ah ha! Just in case Steve Hutton's listening, may I suggest my own interpretation of the Linsey Cycle:

1. Linsey puts out a pretty product and suckers novice in.
2. Novice takes the bait.
3. Linsey hooks novice. Says he's strict.
4. Novice submits moves. Thinks "Of course a GM should be strict, especially on himself. He should just execute the orders and not interfere in the game."
5. Linsey NMRs novice.
6. Novice thinks: "Thank goodness he showed me the true meaning of Diplomacy." ((Bravo Ed!))

In smoebody's fantasy, maybe. This is one novice who stands up to the Diplomacy establishment. STOP PLAYER ABUSE. Off the Berch/Davis/Linsey conspiracy! Expose Toady Stones and Unfixed Canucks! Gamesters of North America unite. We have nothing to lose but our chains to the elitist, self-serving gamesmastering swine! The players must seize the reins of gaming!!

rounds in serene contemplation of the truth, --Ed.
Eric, this is a prized rough draft. Save it! Some day it may be quite valuable.

(response on next page)

((Easy for you to say! I had to decipher the darn thing!! Between you, Markie Lew and Mark Luedi, this month's letter column is going to be a nightmare!!))

I admire your style; got some cheap shots in at Stone and then humbly apologize. No retaliation and a great feeling of satisfaction when you see the words in print!))

From Rod Walker:

Kevin Stone's suggestion that I ought to respect the belief-- that the universe popped into existence one day because some entity said "fiat lux"--is not, I believe, to the point. One can respect the believer, certainly. Many otherwise quite logical people adhere to the "special creation" notion because they read it in a venerable book. It is intellectually respectable, I think, to harbor some ridiculous belief or other, and no doubt most people have one or more of these things in their intellectual baggage.

But to say that the believer is respectable is not to agree that the belief is likewise. One must perforce call a spade a spade here, or one cannot be intellectually honest. The "creation" story in Genesis is a very nice story, told with economy, elegance, and even beauty. Unfortunately, all of the vast and still rapidly growing body of information we have, about the past of the universe and of this planet, points decidedly toward a very different scenario. It is possible to respect a belief when there is no evidence one way or the other. It is impossible to respect a belief which is not only unsustained but flatly denied by extensive evidence. We know that the Earth is in excess of 3.5×10^9 years old. We know that there has been life on the planet for at least 2.2×10^9 years. We know that the planetary surface was (and is) in a state of constant flux and movement, back to the time of Pangaea and beyond, reasonably well documented to 7×10^8 years ago. We know that life has similarly been in a state of continual flux and change in its physical form during this entire period. None of these conclusions from the mass of available evidence confirms the Genesis narrative, but instead they all deny it. I would say that we have reached the point in our knowledge of our past to say that the Judeo-Christian "creation" narrative is totally untenable. If it did not cloak itself in the guise of "religion", we would be more wont to give it a more accurate assessment... "silly".

This is of course the rub. The thing is supposed to be "religion". Yet in point of fact the "creation" myth (and I use the term here in its correct technical sense; look it up) is totally irrelevant to the teachings of Jesus the Messiah (but of course one must excise the various bits of twaddle which have become attached to those teachings).

Now, if Kevin wants to say that the demonstrable processes of terrestrial evolution are aspects of the Creation process and that God, in essence, touched off the Big Bang itself, I am in no position to do other than respect his belief. That would be entirely possible (although not, in my opinion, very probable). But then one has to twist the Genesis narrative about to make it fit the observed facts and conclusions or one has to discard it

entirely. Either course would be reasonable, but not very orthodox, and I presume that Kevin believes in "fiat lux".

Based on the evidence, however, we should be more inclined to conclude that there is no God (a belief one can respect but which leads one into a real pothole when one studies such phenomena as Jesus and Sokrates) or that God is an entity which (a) was born as part of the cataclysmic events we call the Big Bang or (b) predates the Bang ... but which, in either event did not cause the Bang nor direct the course of its aftermath, the present Universe. Still, if one wishes to see a moving intelligence in the development of the Universe, that's fine and respectable... but the notion that all this popped into existence a few thousand years ago in response to verbal magic is a belief which can no longer command intellectual validity. But the thing dies hard, partly based on the supposition that "no creation, no God"... the atheist position, if you will. But this really does not compute; God transcends a few bits of myth in a venerable book. Genesis or no genesis, She is, I think, quite alive and well.

I may say a bit more on this in future.

-Rod.

((Thanks for an interesting and thought provoking letter. It certainly got me to thinking, specifically about my ongoing conversation with Steve Langley in past issues; concerning "live and let live", or, "you respect my belief, and I'll respect yours". But in truth, I can not in good conscience respect the Christian religion. Or any other religion for that matter. How can I respect a group responsible for the atrocities throughout history. Examples? Fine. How about the Holy Crusades. Or the fighting between India and Pakistan- What is that based on? The burning of "witches" in New Salem; The Holocaust; Northern Ireland; Calvinists and Lutherans (etc.), vs. The Church; Hussites; Lollards. Need I go on? How can I respect a religion which says that man should be miserable in his existence on earth. How can I respect a religion which advocates that a woman should not have an abortion no matter what the circumstances? How can I respect a religion which tortured people until they accepted that religion (Ex: The Inquisition.)? No, I cannot respect such a religion. Yet I consider Kevin Stone to be a very good friend and a fine, upstanding human being. But the fact of the matter is that religion is a man made concept and is responsible for more suffering than any other single factor in history.

Coming to grips with religion is something which each individual must do at some point in one's life. I did it at a fairly young age, some people won't do it until they are very old. But it is something which we each have to do, and many people will draw totally different conclusions. Fine, I can accept that, and as long as they keep it to themselves, and do not interfere with others, I see nothing wrong with it (I may disagree with it but that's another matter). But organized religion makes me sick. Please don't misconstrue my comments, religion can be a positive institution, I feel, but so far, the costs have out-weighed the benefits by far.

From John Richalshi:

Only now did I have a chance to really read through A23. You, Linsey, and Caruso put out zines too big for one sitting. EE and LW are big too, but contain a lot I don't care to read. Oh, Magnus also: too much press, not enough Steve and Daf. ((I agree)).

Were you able to send courtesy copies to the people mentioned in MES 43? If not, let me know quick so I can try to zerox excerpts before the zine gets sold with my other oldies. (I sell 'em as soon as I have a box full. I need the \$).

On letters, you're doing a real good job. The hobby is really short on open forums since the old BB shut down, Linsey and Coughlan cutting back on "controversy", etc. AG shot up in the polls with 1-3 pages of letters per issue. I wonder why more people don't try it?

Strangely enough, I have to find myself backing Rod Walker from the criticisms levelled against him. One writer asked that Rod "respect" the writer's religious views and not say religion was a product of human imagination. That guy should write for The Modern Embarrassment. If Rod wanted to be disrespectful, he would have labelled it as "a crock of shit." Instead, he is quoted as saying "product of human imagination." I'd say that's as respectful as you can expect. What your writer really objects to of course, is religion being questioned at all. Tough.

Hutton was really funny. Walker is always hit (with good reason) for his verbosity, and then Hutton criticizes him for "condensing his ideas down to a single paragraph." Steve better avoid top rated EE, where writer's letters are often excerpted out one or two lines at a time!

Keep up the good work.

-John.

((I too, enjoyed Hutton's letter very much. As for questioning religion, see the letter before this one! It is an odd feeling to be backing Rod Walker isn't it?

I sent copies to everyone except Lischet, whose address I cannot find. If anyone knows what Andy's address is, I'd appreciate it (I have plenty of extra copies John.)).

From Gary Coughlan:

Just a few quick notes before I go off on my trip to Europe. (Sorry my typewriter conked out again - they worked on it twice too, which really annoys me!)

I really enjoyed your anniversary issue last month. It's very clear that you put an incredible amount of time and effort into it. Your letter column is still my favorite part though. It just doesn't seem like two years to me. What about to you?

Poor Bruce Linsey! He seems to be taking it on the chin from everyone about everything! Can I join in, just briefly?!!!!

In Anduin #23, Linsey says "...there are many other GMs who are equally prompt and more accurate than I am, but not as strict. Coughlan and Lishett to name just two." This sounds vaguely bad to me so I would like to know in what sense I am not "as strict". He can write this to me privately, if he wishes.

One thing that Linsey is absolutely right on is about Dick Martin's characterization of my GMing as "dishonest", alluded to by Martin also in Anduin #23.

Martin said in that issue: "I certainly can't recall ever calling Gary Coughlan a "dishonest" GM. Where did I say that? You wouldn't be putting words in my mouth, would you Bruce? Again? While I certainly feel he may have been biased against me, that's not the same thing."

Hmmm, I wonder if being a "dishonest" GM is the same thing as a "crooked" GM as Martin wrote about me in his Retaliation? Or when, in that same issue, same page of his Retaliation, Martin said to me: "Yes, I jest about being in another game that you GM..... I really would rather play under an honest incompetent than a competent, yet dishonest, GM."

So I am wondering what the difference is between calling my GMing "crooked", me "a competent, yet dishonest, GM" on one hand and then saying, on the other hand as Martin did in Anduin #23, that he never called me a "dishonest GM".

Then again I'm still wondering why calling me a "drunkard" is not the same as calling me an "alcoholic" as Martin also did. Do you think lessons in "Martinese" would help, Eric? -Gary.

P.S. Here is a zerox of that page from Retaliation. I don't know the issue number as I don't sub to it.

(Your not the only one to send me a zerox of that page (see next letter)! As an impartial (maybe that's the wrong word, let's just say I don't favor one side over the other) onlooker, it appears to me that Dick did indeed call Gary dishonest. Of course there is no difference between alcoholic and drunkard, just as there is no difference between crooked and dishonest. Sure the words have slightly different definitions but the intent is clear as glass.

As to Linsey referring to your GMing as not as strict as his, what do you want, to compete with him?!?! I believe the honor of being "most strict GM ever" goes to Linsey hands down. Examples? Oh I trolly can't think of any right now by Neptune! My mind feels like a Black Hole!))

((speak of the devil...!))

From BruX Linsey:

Anduin # 23 is just bubbling over with things for me to comment on! I really am enjoying every issue, and as you know I especially like debating with you on GMing procedure. Shall I say that despite your crazy ideas, you're a worthy opponent? Nahh...

I have a constructive criticism to make before I reply to the issue itself. Could you please not interrupt people's letters with your comments quite so often? If the letter is really long, or if you must answer a point or clarify something right away, fine. But I think you overdid it especially in my last letter, and I wish you'd try to save most of your comments till the end. By the way, I made the same mistake when I started publishing (interrupting letters too often), and I try to avoid it now. ((In a letter like this, where there are many different topics being discussed, I think it doesn't hurt to interject something. Still,

I understand your point and will attempt to refrain in the future. By the way, you make it sound as if I'm a new pubber with that "When I started" comment. I have been pubbing now for two years afterall!!)

S.A.I. scores? Well, if it matters I had 650 Verbal and 780 Math. Should've been 900, too; I realized that I had made a careless error while talking with my friends immediately afterward. Oh, well.

For the first time, I think I understand your reasoning in labeling me a "hypocrite". As you said in response to Steve Hutton, you feel this is true because "Bruce says he is a very strict GM, yet he will call a player collect on the deadline day if they are about to NMR." I see your point, but it is not valid. You are putting the cart before the horse. You seem to feel that I made a decision to be strict, and that my adaption of a lenient houserule violates this philosophy. My reply is that I formulated my houserules the way I wanted them first, then discovered that most of them are "strict" by hobby standards, and therefore decided to tell people that I'm a "strict GM" so they would know generally how I run my games. There is nothing wrong with houserules that are, say, 90% strict and 10% lenient; and there is nothing wrong with calling the GM who uses them "strict". Now are we on the same wavelength? ((Not quite!))

If Dick Martin keeps putting his foot in his mouth, he's going to wind up with a severe case of athlete's tongue. In his latest letter he says, "I certainly can't recall ever calling Gary Coughlan a 'dishonest' GM. Where did I say that?" Unfortunately for Dick, I do recall it. It was on page 6 of Retaliation #70 that he talked of Gary's "crooked GMing", and called him a "competent, yet dishonest, GM". I challenge Dick to back up those charges. After all, if Gary is truly dishonest, shouldn't the hobby be warned? If he can't prove them, then at least he should tell us his reasons for making the statements.

Dick seems to have this bad habit, in fact, of trying to cloud the reputations of GMs he doesn't like. His letter also refers to a supposed incident in the KEPLER game I was running, where he says that as England, his final order was F Nth-Lon. He then goes on to claim that I replied over the phone, "Uh, you don't have F Nth." Very interesting. Unfortunately for Dick, his memory is full of holes. He was Germany, not England; and in fact his only unit in the game's last season was F Nth. I can prove both of those with xeroxes if need be.

If Dick can't even remember what country he was playing, how does he remember the incident he claims to have happened?

My GMing in BLACK HOLE needs no further explanation. My GMing of DOG STAR never needed an explanation to begin with. Got any better mud to sling Dick?

Steve Hutton's "Linsey Cycle" was clever. How true, how true! The best I can do is warn people when they sign up that I interpret orders strictly; if they choose to play under those conditions then at least they know the score.

Finally, did you know that a majority (34-26) of my readers who responded to a recent poll on the subject, including many GMs, agree that hold and support should be ruled a double order. Explain that away, Eric! --Bruce.

((Oh, I don't know Brux. I'll admit I was mildly surprised at that result, but then again one has to remember that most of the people voting on that thing are total Brux toadys. So the result really isn't so surprising afterall. I mean with all those brainwashed novices and all that you get a hold of'

About Dick Martin. Hmm, I think he might have a little explaining to do about both of the comments he made in his last letter about both you and Gary. Any comment Dick? Incidentally, Brux also included the copy of Retal #70 as well as copies of the last two seasons of KEPLER.

Nice SAT scores! I think that your scores go further than anyone elses to proving that they are not an accurate way of determining person's intelligence (just kidding!!!)

And finally as to your GMing. Yes, I understand now your point about having mostly strict HRs, and a few lenient ones. But the fact still remains that having an HR about calling a player collect should go against your grain. I think houserules should be consistent. If your going to be strict about many little, minor details (which you admittedly are), why should you have a houserule which borders on GMing interference? Not that I dislike the Houserule, but it just doesn't seem to fit you...))

From Mark Luedi:

Enjoyed your latest Anduin, especially the letter column. It's funny watching Steve Hutton and Kevin Stone run circles around you and you're not even aware of it. They both make good points concerning "the Wrobel affair". I can see where a HR stating units dislodged are retreated off the board may help prevent NMRs; however, one would think that players would be more likely to drop (i.e. NMR twice consecutively) because of the disbands. No, I don't understand why Bruce provides NMR insurance either; I don't understand why any GM would provide NMR insurance. I guess I can't be considered a friendly GM. But, does this make me strict? Not unstrict? On Steve Hutton's "Linsey cycle" would you rather have the word "careless" rather than "strict"? How about "blind"? Or "non-English-speaking"? Might as well substitute "consistent" or "good".

Anyways, aren't you disappointed you've already fallen to "crummy post card" status? Sorry, I only had 13cents worth to say. Ask Bob Olsen to send you an "ultimate" postcard sometime.

((Looks like you crammed 20 cents worth into a postcard what with writing on the mailing side too! Oh, I didn't realize that Hutton and Stone were running circles around me! Thanks for clearing that up, sometimes I get sooo confused because I'm so young (I swear that when I get to be a grown up I won't patronize young people!!!!). Your comments on dislodged units are probably more intelligible than the way they came out because I had difficulty in translating your writing. I can try to read postcards, I can't read minds so I can't tell exactly what you were trying to say. Ditto on your comments on the Linsey Cycle.))

From Fred C. Davis:

ANDUIN arrived the day before the BUSHWACKER printing, but I did not have time to look at it until Saturday after all my copies were in the mail. Everything else takes a back seat to BUSH on adjudication and mailing days! ((I know what you mean!))

I wanted to ask you what is meant by the terms "European History AP" and "AP Biology." Is this some identification of advanced courses for college-bound students? We didn't have this term when I attended High School in the Middle Ages, and as my son is only in the 6th grade, we haven't run into it yet in the Baltimore Co. school system. I'd just like to know in order to be prepared, as Kevin is also a "little Mensan." History was my favorite subject. I hated math more than any other classes.

((AP stands for Advanced Placement. It is one step higher than Honors classes. Little Kevin (what, me patronize?!) will hit the AP courses starting in either 11th or 12th grade. First he'll hit honors classes in around 8th or 9th if your school system is anything like ours. Advise him to take as many honors classes as possible as they are far more rewarding than regular classes, and even if he scores a little less well, colleges look for Honors and AP classes very closely and do take them into consideration. For instance, our #1 ranked student has a 95% average but she is in no honors classes and so may have trouble getting into Harvard/Yale or some other top school, unless she has a good deal of extra-curricular which I doubt. On the other hand, I student like me who was 115 in a class of 306 will also run into trouble for that very reason. However, my many extra curricular activities (soccer team, chess club and league and yes, Anduin) will help me a great deal as well as being in a couple of accelerated classes. I suppose that somewhere inbetween how I did and how she did is the correct formula. One should strive to be diverse as well as doing well in school. In all honesty, she will probably (if not definately) get into a better school than I will but I'm sure I'll end up somewhere good; and I think that I have profited more from my high school years than she, and other students like her have.))

From Mark Lew:

I am glad you printed my letter because I wasn't sure if I paid for a sub or just a sample.

I am interested in anarchy. Idea: When countries are named, any country which begins with the same letter as another country must be renamed to begin with a yet unclaimed letter. After a few turns of this all the countries have a different letter and you can make maps. ((Excellent idea! I will definately use it.))

The first half of my senior year, I intended to go to college and therewith intended to take ACT & SAT. I had taken ACT & Achievement tests but before I got around to SAT I decided not to go to college after all, so never took it. I can't locate ACT scores right now. If they appear, I'll let you know.

Pauline Raynes as I recall, did most of the Middle Earth map/posters. The one with a sea green stripe on the bottom, olive green with pictures on top and bottom and particular sites pictures in circles around the edge--is one perhaps you've seen.

Brux's gming makes sense within itself. When you get to know it, all his rulings seem perfectly logical. Ethics is good at confusing things, and it serves no useful purpose that isn't served by clear thinking. Machines know that.

Don't trust a mention of "having fun" -better. "not having fun" -it's a weapon. ((??????))

I'd like the diplomacy hobby to be organized feudalismly. (It is convenient to prefer the status quo- though it's not to prefer the ex-status quo) It does the job without requiring us peons to think. Of course, I'm very worried about a fascist takeover. ((Of course (????)!!))

This is an ancient letter but not entirely obsolete. ACT showed up: English 31, Math 36, SS 30, Science 33. Composite 33. Percentiles are high so I guess that's good.

I recall seeing somewhere a Great Neck school listed as one of the top High Schools. Hm. Of course any school you go to will tell you that but this was for real.

By the way I haven't seen an Anduin since the one this responds to. Hasn't it been a while? Maybe not. -Markie.

((Yes, it has. That's because you must not have recieved #23 which was mailed on time last month. I'll send you another one along with this issue. Those of you who have recieved letters from Mark Lew know what a pleasure it is to read them! Wasn't there some kind of concerted effort in the hobby a while back to raise money for a "Mark Lew typewriter" fund? If not, let's start one immediately!! Yes, I believe I have seen the Middle Earth artwork you're referring to. I don't think my sister's work looks like that though; at least not entirely. I like the idea of the Dip society being a sort of feudal system, isn't that what it is now though?!!))

From Kevin Stone:

Well, I guess it's time to sit down at the keyboard again, and let you know what's happening here at the Grove. I'm using the DECWORD system on the computer. It makes writing letters a lot easier.

Ken must be **really** unbearable now that the Birds have won the Series ((Is he ever!!!)). At least now he'll have something better to talk about than the O's sweep of the Dodgers in '66. Was he even born then? I've enclosed an article from The Wall Street Journal I thought he might like.

In regard to the Supreme Being thing, I don't believe that asking for respect is being too defensive. I guess I'll just blame it on your lack of experience, as you suggested.

Eric, I really thought you'd understand the baseball umpires argument. I qualified my statement by saying **Major League** umpires do not all have the same strike zone. We are talking about differences of a few inches, not calling pitches in the dirt strikes. These differences are equivalent to houserules. Everyone's a bit different, but everyone is playing the same game. The reason a Major League umpire is in the Major Leagues is because of consistency. By the same token, a good GM should rule just as he has said he would. In my belief, nothing could be more

fair than everyone knowing the rules in advance and the GM following those rules while adjudicating the game. We won't even talk about the special supplemental rules that Major League umpires are given by the league office...

Garv's The Mark of Kane was good. There was an inaccuracy however; you would never say "Dad, can I use the Porsche this weekend?" It's more like "Dad, can I borrow some money? I need to buy some bumper stickers to keep the old red bomb in one piece."

On the college scene, I'm having a great time with the Outing Club. On Friday we went rock climbing and repeling. This weekend we are going to Coneaut Lake to play The National Survival Game. Here's how it works: All the players are divided into teams of 5 or 6 people each. Each team is given a flag to guard in a pre-determined spot. Then it's a giant game of capture the flag on several acres of land. The kicker is that everyone is armed with a CO2 pistol that fires paint pellets. If you are hit with one of these pellets you are "dead" and therefore out of the game. In a couple of weeks we are going caving. In the spring we'll be going skydiving.

Well, I've got to go see my roommate. He is in the infirmary with a bad back. He fell on the sidewalk while punting a football the other day. He's practicing for a tryout with the Steelers. Let me know when you're going to visit Cornell and I'll let you know if I'll be home. Looking forward to #24. -Kevin

((Tell your roommate he'll never make the team that way! Your 'Outing Club' sounds like a lot of fun. What is repeling? Tell me how the skydiving goes, I've always wanted to do that. "Red Bomb" huh? Har har har. It gets me where I want to go so don't you dare knock it! I still disagree with you about the strike zone thing. I understand that all umpires have 'different' strike zones because they are all different individuals and have different eyesights, etc.. But they all still abide by the same basic notion of what a "strike" should be. Still, if a product is to be judged by its appeal then it would seem that Brux is a good GM (even if they are for different reasons than he thinks.)). As to the 'Supreme Being' thing. I'm sure you've already read Michalski's and Walker's letters, and my responses to them. Sorry if I've offended you but I hope that I get some of you to do some thinking about the subject. Since the O's won the damn thing, Ken has been a pain in the neck. I didn't show him your article because he literally collects each and every journal that so much as mentions the name Baltimore in it! Bleccccchhhh! Finally, I must say that I was very impressed with the print of your computer. I hope I can get this old thing to do half as well ((computer's note: Eric doesn't know that I'm listening and if he doesn't watch it, I'll give him a rude SHOCK!)). Thanks for writing Kevin. I'm not yet sure when I'll be up to see Cornell. Will you be at Brux's over Christmas?))

From Ken Halpern:

It seems that both the World Champion Baltimore Orioles and I have been the victim of calumny by several individuals in this last issue of Anduin. I will deal with these crimes of the pen in reverse order of priority.

First, and least importantly, Mr. Coughlan seems to be of the opinion (even if only in jest) that I derive a large measure of satisfaction from publicizing my SAT score of 1580. This is manifestly untrue. Although 1580 is a truly outstanding achievement, and there are certainly very few adolescents who could even approach the celestial heights of such a score (1580, that is), it certainly would not befit the proud possessor of a 1580 to brag about having generated my absolutely magnificent score, which, in case you have forgotten, is a 1580.

Second, Mr. Kane has implied that my loyalty to the World Champion Baltimore Orioles is transient and owes only to the fact that said Birds were in the World Series this year. What barefaced falsity! I have lived and died with the fortunes of the orange avians since mid-1980, and I have been at least a casual fan since 1977. I trust that Kane will give lie to the lie this issue, and admit that his contention that I am an (ugh!) frontrunner is utterly false.

Third, I have observed of late that a debate has raged across the pages of Anduin on the subject of whether or not a supreme being exists. God, as viewed by Judaism and Christianity, created life, and no one but He (according to Judeo-Christian society) can do that. Therefore, in our investigation of the nature of life, we must eventually reach a point at which we can investigate no further, because we will have reached the point at which God's ability to create life defies scientific discovery or duplication. Thus, all beings (other than God), no matter how intelligent, must be confounded at some point when investigating life. Yet the last level of life's operation which non-divine beings can comprehend must be founded upon the first level which they cannot comprehend. Therefore the incomprehensible must operate under the same scientific laws as the comprehensible, and thus must be potentially replicable. A better example than life is the creation of the universe. If God created something from nothing, then He defied the Law of Conservation of Energy and Matter ((this is what happens to your mind when you take AP Physics as Ken is currently doing!)). Fine, he can do anything, He's God. But then the universe would not operate under these laws (see above). If God set the laws in the first place, then why would he create His universe in defiance of the principles He set? He wouldn't. Obviously, these laws are all based on our observations, which can hardly be said to be perfect, indisputably conclusive, or even close to the lofty omniscience of God. Nonetheless, I must ultimately base what I believe on what I observe and infer from my environment, and to me, a belief in God massively defies reason.

Fourth, the scrawniest weightlifter I have ever seen has stated that the Baltimore Orioles play boring baseball. Hey, winning is not boring. The Orioles won and proved that they are the best team in all of baseball because they hit more home runs than everybody else, and had the best combination of pitching and defense in the game. Magnificent pitching is thrilling. Sterling

defensive play is inspiring. The home run is arguably the single most exciting play in baseball. Cal Ripken is arguably the best all-around player in the Summer Game. The Orioles led the world in come-from-behind victories. This is not boring baseball. I will admit that watching the Mets is considerably more amusing than watching the Birds, but not more entertaining in the purest sense of baseball quality. In fact, the Orioles had a better player or platoon than the Mets at **every position** in 1983. This includes Keith Hernandez, who pales next to Eddie Murray; George Foster, who had inferior numbers (and fielding) to the Lowenstein/Roenicke platoon; and "phenom" Darryl Strawberry who batted a good 35 points lower and drove in 10 less runs than Baltimore's Ford/Dwyer platoon. As the first manager of the Mets used to say, if you don't believe me, "Look it up."

The Ball's in Your Court Stonebrain, -Ken

((My my, do we have the beginning of a feud here?! I certainly hope so! Let me give my feelings on what Ken said here point by point (we'll naturally skip the first topic for obvious reasons!)). As to whether you are a frontrunner, I don't know; but doesn't it strike you as being strange that a person should route for a team that has one of the winningest records ever in baseball, and they are not in his home town? It certainly does to me, but I'll leave it up to the reader's discretion to decide for themselves. Ok ok, so I lied about you liking the White Sox, I just wanted to get a stir out of you!

Your feelings on religion are well stated, but I believe you are making certain assumptions about God that are unfounded. True, science has yet to prove the origin of the universe or the (non)existence of God; yet. Give them time. Don't forget that just 100 years ago (a mere blinking of an eyelid in Geological terms) it was thought impossible for man to fly. The world of science has made tremendous leaps in the past few years and at this rate, it won't be long before we know 'the secret of the universe' so to speak. Patience.

In direct contrast to your comments on this topic, I find it amazing that a man of your ability in the usage of the English language would make a statement such as: "The Orioles won... because they hit more home runs than everybody else..." Don't be absurd! To clarify my position on the matter, I won't say that the Orioles are exceptionally boring, nor are the exceptionally exciting. They do win an awful lot though... As to Cal Ripken, he may be the best player of the game who is currently playing, but surely not of all time. Having only been in the Major Leagues for two years, we don't have a basis for such a statment (Joe Sharbino comes to mind...) and regardless, there are many players who were (and are) equally as outstanding as Cal, if not better. The Clipper, the Scooter and the Babe come to mind off hand. As does Gerhig, Mantle, Berra, Hornesby, Jackson and Aaron, to name a few.

Finally, I will agree with you that the Mets provide one with more entertainment than any other team in professional sports! Welcome aboard, Ken.))

From Dan Palter:

Comments on Paltergeist:

It is always fun when my comments on being a chaotic are taken seriously. Sore losers are even more fun. Fact is I stabbed France, then Germany & eventually let Turkey take my centers as part of an ongoing attempt to disrupt a solid RT. By the time it looked like I was DOA but... so it goes. Still I'm glad my chaotic act can still give shiffts to the overly straight. For the slightly hipper... read the board position, then the players - I'll stand by moves. -Dan.

((Glad we got your side of the story afterall, Dan. I don't know if I agree with the philosophy (in fact, I'm sure I don't!) but different strokes for different folks.))

((Well, so much for this month's letter column. Not a bad one if I do say so myself! I think we've got some really interesting topics going here and I'd like to keep it up. Feel free to contribute yourself if you feel like it. The more the merrier!))

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"Spring, 1909"

Autumn, 1908: Austria r A Tri-Tyr. England r F Lon-Nth, F Mid OTB
Winter, 1908: France builds F Mar. Austria removes A Tus, F Tyn &
F Adr. Russia builds F St.P(sc). Turkey builds A Con & F Smy.

ENGLISH, ITALIANS, RUSSIANS AND AUSTRIANS ALL ON THEIR WAY TO OKTOBERFEST! TURKS AND FRENCH ON THE MOVE!

England (Quirk): F Nth-

BEL: F HOL S F Nth-

Bel: F Liv H.

France (Chisholm): F Bre-

ENG: F Lon-NTH: A Wal-

YOR: F Mid-IRI: A Spa-

MAR: F Mar-LYO: A Bel-

Hol: A NAP H.

Germany (Felella): A VEN &

A MUN S AUSTRIAN A Tyr

((otm)): A BER-Sil:

F BOT-Swe: F BAL S F Bot-
Swe.

Italy (Palter): F Swe-DEN.

Austria (Ozog): A Tyr-MUN.

Russia (Byrne): A BOH &

A SIL S AUSTRIAN A Tyr-

Mun: A Bud-GAL: A Vie-

TYR: A Rum-BUD: A FIN-

Swe: A NWY S A Fin-Swe:

F St.P(sc)-Bot

Turkey (Nadaner): A Con-

BUL: F Smy-AEG: F Aeg-

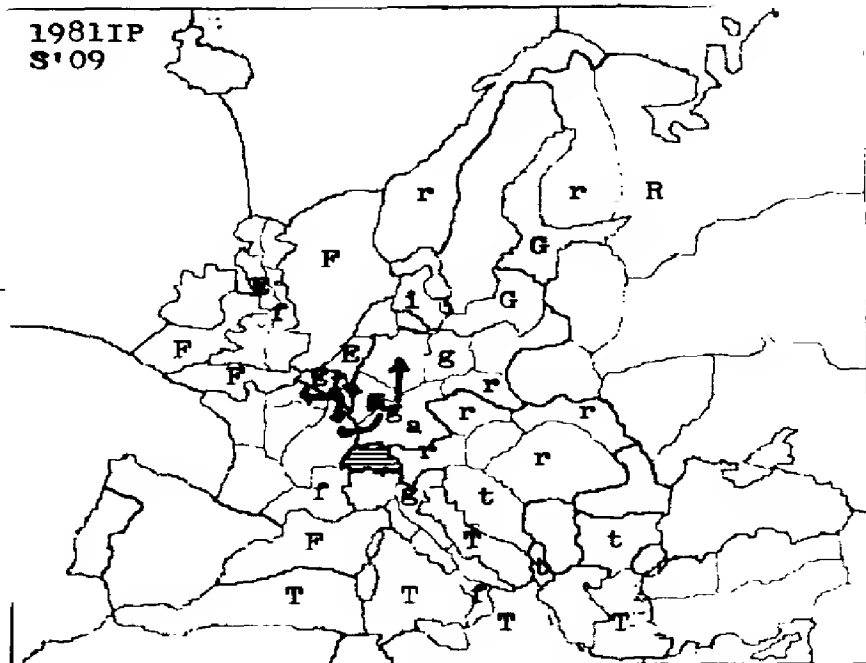
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WES: F Alb-ADR: A Ser-

ALB: A TRI S RUSSIAN

A Vie-Tyr.

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1981IP cont'd:

Thanks to Kevin Stone for the unneeded standby moves. The German A Mun is dislodged and may retreat to Bur, Ruh, Kie or OTB. The French A Bel may retreat to Ruh, Bur, Pic or OTB. Note that if both of these units retreat to the same space, they will both be removed from play. The deadline for these retreats and the Fall, 1909 moves is **November 30, 1983**. Please note that a concession to Russia has been proposed, as well as an illegal F/G/R/T Draw. Current Anduin games are still being run by DIAS rules. Future games, however will be non-dias in all probability. Please vote on the legal draw for next turn.

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PRESS:

France: I HATE (!!!) conditional moves.

GM-France: I can't see why!

Flushing-Boston: "Liquid Sky" -huh, I never heard of it either. Best movie I saw was "Talk Dirty To Me" but in order for me to do a review of that - we'll have to rate this zine X!

Germany-Russia: Go South, young women.

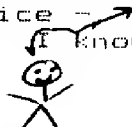
Russia-Germany: Yes, I'm afraid it is War! Remember War is Hell, but more important, never aggravate a baglady or she'll mug you everytime!

Germany-England: Go away, young man. Defend England and let me be.

Russia-france: Do you understand English? If not England will be glad to give you lessons - complete with 4 letter words, I'm sure.

Germany-Austria: You put up a tough fight.

Russia-Turkey: Believe me, I love this alliance, but my hair gets grayer every turn - couldn't you just write (or draw a picture) and say hi - I'm alive. This will suffice - hi!

Russia-GM: My picture better be there!  I know you're going to just love me for this!

GM-Russia: You must be a mind-reader!

Russia-Italy: Please don't NMR!

Russia-Austria: Don't give up, if I made a comeback in this game, anyone CAN!

Russia-England: For your cheap crack, about me being in a cage, to Caruso - you almost lost an ally!

Germany-GM: When do I get a nickname like "Jerk" "Baglady" or "Creep"? I feel left out!

GM-Germany: Sorry Nick, I'm not the one to decide that. Anyone got any suggestions for poor Nick here?!

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"Spring, 1905"

Autumn, 1904: India r A Iran OTB. France r F Borneo-Celebes Sea.
Winter, 1904: Italy builds A Rome, F Naples & A Mogadiscio.
Austria builds A Trieste. Russia removes A Ukraine. China builds
F Canton.

CONFLICT ERRUPTS IN AFRICA!

Italy (Keller): F Naples-TYRRHENIAN SEA; F IONION S F Greece;
(10) F GREECE S F Aegean-Bulgaria(sc); F AEGEAN-Bulgaria(ec);
F Egypt(ec)-RED SEA; A Mogadiscio-SUDAN; A ROME-Venice;
A TUSCANY S A Rome-Venice; A APULIA S A Rome-Venice;
F BAGHDAD S INDIAN A Sind-Iran((nsu)).
Germany (Hakey): A Gascony-Paris; A Burgundy-PICARDY; A BELGIUM S
(9) A Burgundy-Picardy; A Munich-BURGUNDY; F Kiel-HOLLAND;
A Warsaw-UKRAINE; A Silesia-WARSAW; A Livonia-KIEL;
F Baltic C A Livonia-Kiel.
China (Nadaner): A TURKESTAN-Afghanistan; A NEPEL-Calcutta;
(9) A Inner Mongolia-OUTER MONGOLIA; A TIBET-Burma; A BURMA-
Thailand; A Thailand-CAMBODIA; A LAOS S A Thailand-Cambodia;
F CANTON-South China Sea; F Tonkin Gulf-ANNAM.
Japan (Makuc): F SOUTH CHINA SEA-Philippeanes; F SOUTH PACIFIC
(8) OCEAN-Philippeanes; F Vladivostok-KOREA; F Tokyo-NORTH
PACIFIC OCEAN; F JAPAN SEA S F Tokyo-NPacifc Ocean;
F Okhotsk Sea-KARAFUTO; F Mid-Atlantic-MOROCCO; F WESTERN
MED S F Mid-Morocco.
Austria (Anderson): F ADRIATIC-Apulia; A VENICE S F Adriatic-
(8) Apulia; A TYROLIA S A Venice; A TRIESTE S A Venice;
A Vienna-GALICIA; A ROMANIA S A Vienna-Galicia; A SERBIA-
Greece; A BULGARIA S A Romania.
France (Dancause): F CELEBES SEA-Philippeanes; F Siagon-SIAM GULF;
(8) A Morocco-ALGERIA; A Marseilles-GASCONY; A PARIS & F BREST S
A Marseilles-Gfascony; A Picardy-Burgundy; F SPAIN(sc) H.
India (Shuetz): A DELHI & A DECCAN S F Calcutta; F CALCUTTA H;
(7) F BORNEO-Celebes Sea; F Malayan Sea-JAVA; A JOHORE-Thailand;
A AFGHANISTAN-Turkestan.
England (Scheifler): F MidAt10BB-MID-ATLANTIC; F NPAC0BB S F Mid-
(7) OBB-Mid Atlantic; F North Pacific-Japan Sea; F ENGLISH
CHANNEL-Irish Sea; F NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN-Irish Sea;
F St. Petersburg-OMSK; A MOSCOW S F St. Pete-Omsk.
Turkey (Furey?): NMR!!! F's CON, BLACK, BAGHDAD & A's SEV & SMY
(5) all U. HOLD.
Russia (Jung): A Omsk-Moscow. (1).

Jim Makuc is the new player of record for Japan. Will Mark
Frueh please submit stand by orders for Turkey? Address below.

The French A Picardy and the German A Gascony are both
dislodged and annihilated.

Retreats:

English F North Paifc -Hokkido, Siberia, Ohktosk Sea, Hiroasaki.

MidAtlanticOBB, NorthAtlanticOBB or OTB.

Russian A Omsk -Siberia or OTB.

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Orders for Fall, 1905 are due by **November 30, 1903.**

Tokyo-Peking: Are we allied?

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"Fall, 1908"

England (Chisholm): A Kie-

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A NUN S A Kie-Ber;

F Liv-Fru; F BOT-

Live: A ST, P & F Bot.

Li v: F BAR S A St. F:

F Den-FILE.

France (Hakey): A BURS

ENGLISH A Mun; A PIE-

Tyr: A TUG-Ven; A ROM...

APU; A NAP-APU; F TYN

S F Tun-Ion; F TUN-Ion;

F L Y O - F i e .

Austria (Murray): A VEN 5

A Apu-Rom: A APU-Rom:

A TRI & F ADR S A Ven;

FION-Nap; A TYO S

RUSSIAN A Ber-Mun

A BOH S RUSSIAN A Ber-

1400

Russia (Bellevue): A Sev-

QFR; F Pru-LIV; A MOS

& A WAR S F Fru-Live

A STL 5 A Ber-Mun;

A Ber-Mun: F EAS-

Ion: F AEG S F Eas...

100.
100.

The Russian A Ber is dislodged and may retreat to Pru or OTB.

The English F Liv is dislodged and annihilated. Hey! This time 4 units moved! Here is the 1908 supply center chart:

England: Home, Nwy, Den, Swe, Bel, Hol, Kie, St.F, MUN, BER (12).

Build 3 (1 anni).

France: Home, Spa, Por, Tun, Nap, Rom (8). Even.

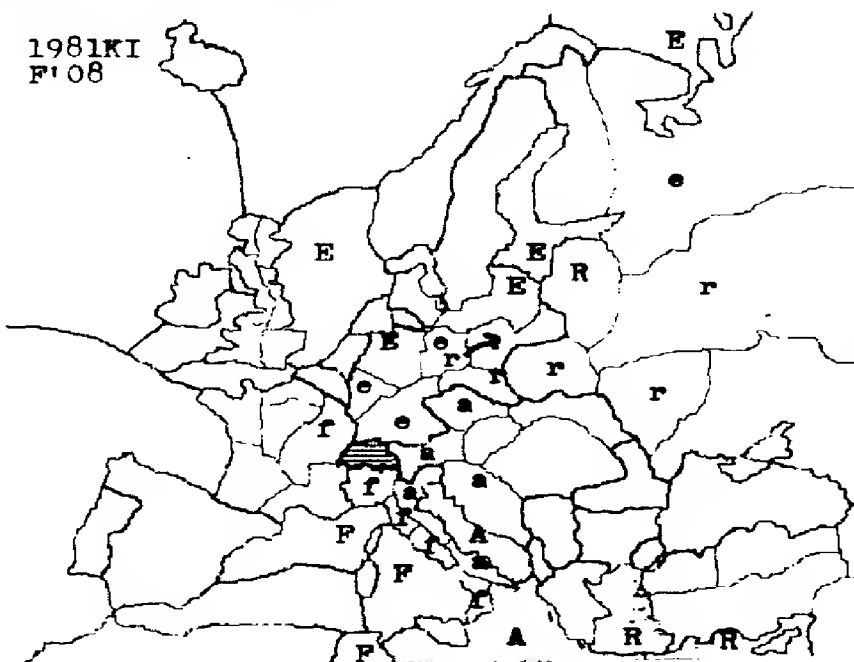
Austria: Home, Ser, Gre, Bul, Ven (7). Even.

Russia: Sev, Mos, War, Con, Ank, Smy, Rum, Ber, Mun (7). Remove



*If Russia r OTB, then he is even.

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Your press is on page . The deadline for Winter, 1908 and Spring 1909 is **November 30, 1983.**

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"Spring, 1908"

Autumn, 1907: France retreats A Bur OTB.

Winter, 1907: Italy builds F Rome. Russia builds F St.P(nc), declines other (will play 1 short).

PRESS: RUSSIA-ITALY: HAVE WE GOT LONG TO GO?

France (Morris): A PAR,

A GAS, F BRE, F POR

& E_Mar all hold.

Italy (Rauterberg): E_MID:

Gas: E_SPA(sc)-Mid:

F N.AF S F Spa(sc)-Mid:

E_LYO-Spa(sc): F WES S

F Lyo-Spa(sc): A Bur-

MAR: A PIE S A Bur-Mar:

F Rom-TYN: A Mun-BUR:

A Hol-BEL: A RUH S A Mun-

Bur: F ION & A TUN H.

Russia (Carter): F St.P(nc)-

NWY: A Nwy-EDI: F NRG C

A Nwy-Edi: F Lon-ENG:

F NTH S F Lon-Eng: A_ANK-

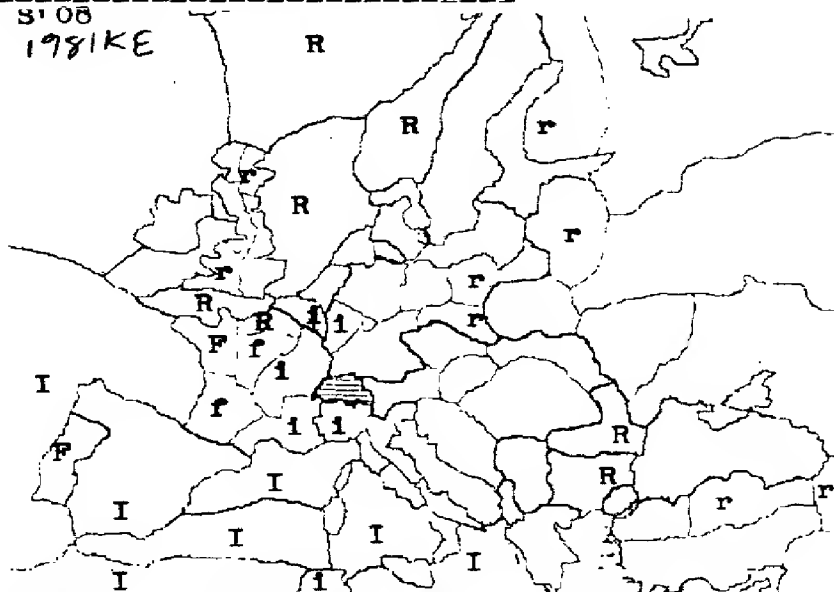
Smy: A_ARM-Smy: E_RUM-

Bul(ec): E_BUL(ec)-Rum:

A_SIL-Ber: A_PRU-Ber:

E_PIC-Bre: A LVN, A WAL

& A FIN H.



The French A Mar is dislodged straight to the box. Your press is in the title and the deadline for Fall, 1908 is **November 30, 1983.**

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Are you having a dip-related get-together sometime in 1984? Or even late '83? If so, let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and I will include it in the Dip-calander I'm putting together. This should be out by late November or early December. Also, if your a pubber, tell me the month and the year your 'zine started and I will try to include it in the calander. I think that you will find that this calander will be quite valuable to have. Hopefully, it will help put potential hosts in contact with potential attendees.

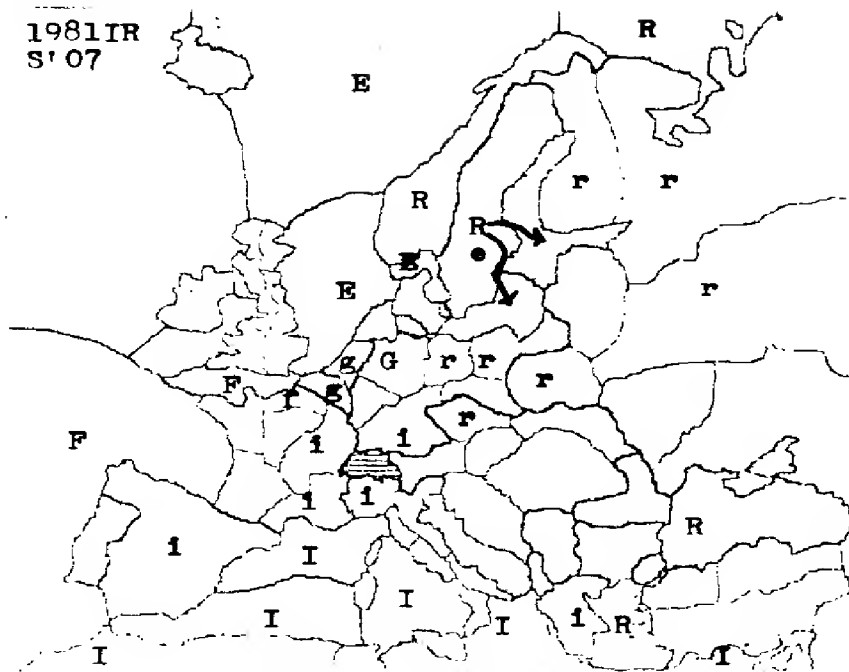
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"Spring, 1907"

THE END DRAWS EVER NEARER

England (Ansoff): A Den-
SWE; F SKA S A Den-
Swe; F NTH-NWY;
F NRG S F Nth-NWY.
France (Martin): F Bre-
ENG; A Par-FIC; F MID-
Por.
Germany (Carter): A Kie-
Hel (imp. PSU);
A HOL-Kie; A BEL H.
F KIE U. H.
Italy (Kollmer): A SPa-
Por; A Ven-FIE; A GRE-
Bul; F LYQ-Spa (ec);
F Wes-N.AF; A Mun-BUR;
A MAR S A Mun-BUR; A Tyr-
MUN; F Ion-EAS; F Rom-
TYN; F Nap-ION; F Tyn-
WES.
Russia (Furey): F AEG-
Gre; F BLA-Bul (ec);
A Sev-MOS; A Mos-ST.P;
A St.P-FIN; A BER-Kie;
A PRU-Ber; F BAR &
F Swe S F NWY; F NWY S
F Swe; A BOH & A WAR U. H.

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S'07



The Russian F Swe is dislodged and may retreat to Bal, Bot or OIB.

PRESS:

Ionian-Eas Med: Full speed ahead, prepare to swamp the Ruskies!

London: Half a league, half a league, half a league onward . . .

Germany-England: Stopping the IR draw would require co-operation. You do not get co-operation by assuming that I wouldn't mind if you "borrowed" one of my sc's. I see nothing wrong with a IR draw since they are playing this game correctly.

Paris-Germany: You deserve what you end up with.

Pope-Devil: Next time I visit Paris and the Eifel Tower I will make sure you are in chains somewhere on the bottom of the Seine.

Ionian-Greece: Prepare to release sharks into the Aegean.

YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!! The next ByrneCon is set for the Thanksgiving weekend, and it ought to be a blast! Special quest stars at this con include Bob Olsen, Mike Mazzer and Gary Coughlan!!! In addition, a really large crowd is expected so I have agreed to handle the overflow if Kathy and John can't fit us all in. If your interested in attending, get in contact with John or Kathy as soon as possible (address is somewhere else in the issue), their phone number is (212) 353-9695. Hope to see you there!

1982AK

"Fall, 1906"

ITALIANS FALL ONE SHORT (FOR NOW!!!)

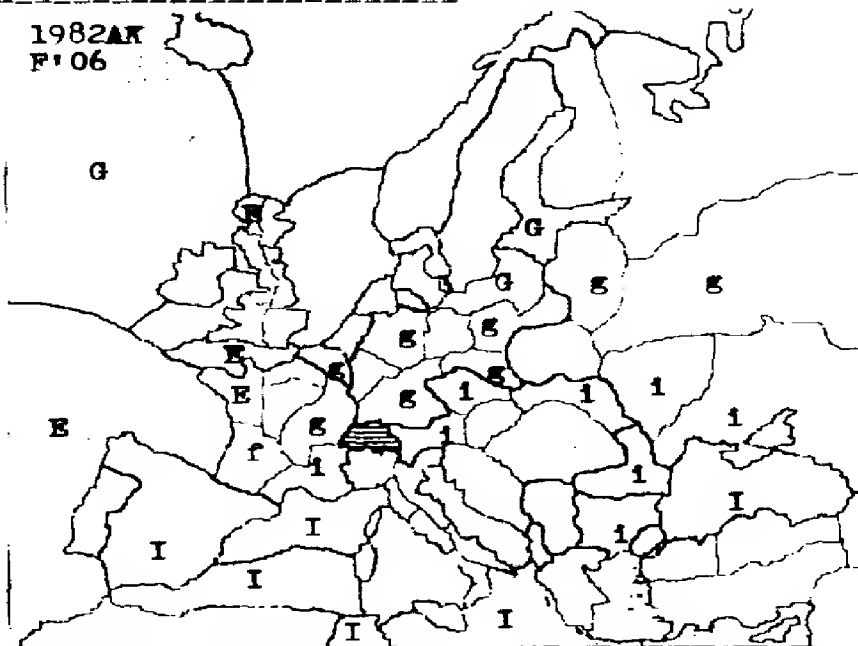
England (Jung): F Edi-
CLY; F Nth-ENG; F BRE-
Mid; F MID-Por.

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F'06

France (Tallman): A Spa-
Por; A GAS S "WOP"
F Lyo-Spa(sc).

Germany (Wrobel): A Par-
BUR; A Pic-BEL; A Ruh-
KIE; A Ber-SIL; F Nrg-
NAO; F Swe-BOT; A MOS-
Ukr; A PRU-War; A LVN
S A Pru-War; A MUN S
A Ber-Sil; F BAL H.

Italy (J Ellis): A MAR
S F Lyo-Spa(sc); F Lyo-
SPA(sc); A Vie-BOH;
A TYR S A Vie-Boh;
F BLA-Sev; A SEV-Mos;
A UKR-War; A RUM-Ukr;
A BUL-Rum; F Ion-TUN;
F Aeg-ION; F Tus-LYO;
A GAL S A Ukr-War;
F Tyn-WES.



The French A Spa is dislodged and annihilated. Here is the 1906 supply center chart:

England: Home, Bre (4). Even.

France: Par, Mar, Spa, Por (2). Build 1 (2 anni + 1 short in 06)

Germany: Home, Hol, Bel, Den, Swe, Nwy, St.P, War, Mos (11). Even

Italy: Home, Tun, Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre, Bul, Rum, Con, Smy, Ank, MAR, SPA, Sev (17). Build 3 (was 1 short).

Please note that Germany never occupied Paris in a fall season.

Orders for W'06 and S'07 are due by **November 30, 1983.**

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Jeff Ellis, 8310 Grandview Lane, Overland Park, KS, 66212.

PRESS:

Smiling Premier-Kaiser: I figured it would get down to this; guessing games. Oh, well, if we're all lucky, I will guess right, and it will all be over with, right?

Kaiser-Ellis: If I were you, I'd be ashamed to accept a win given to me on a silver platter by Eric Ozog. But the name of the game is Toady, isn't it?

France-Germany: Your lust for dots destroyed any chance for a draw. I think I'll be eliminated but it's always nice to know I prevented a stalemate line.

Rome-Berlin: Ozog's really a good player. If you were in his situation, the best you could've done was suicide out, and delay things a year, maybe two. The Sultan is now in Greece, awaiting the news that Italy has won the war, knowing he did his part.

((more press on the following page))

1982AK continued:

France-Italy: If I sort of start on my back and then lift my shoulder, then my hip and move over on to my stomach is that "Rolling Over"? I promised Germany I'd roll over for you if he wasn't nice. And ghod knows he hasn't been very nice.

GM-France: Why, he "let" you keep Paris, didn't he?

Italy--"Russia": Thanks, Dave! I'm sorry I had to stab you, and things ended like this for you, but you're always welcome to seek refuge in Greece, along with Orczog. Now how can you refuse that!

France-Board: Yay wops!

GM-WORLD: There is a proposal for a concession to Italy as well as a proposal for a E/F/G/I draw. Please vote on these with your orders!!!! There was also a proposal for an E/G/I but that is illegal under my houserules.

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1982D

"Fall, 1907"

Summer, 1907: Austria NRR! A Tri r OTB.

AUSTRIANS NMR IN CRUCIAL POSITION; TURKS AND ENGLISH GAIN!

England (Carl): A Wal-
BRE; F ENG C A Wal-
Bre; A Yor-BEL; F HOL
S A Yor-Bel; F St.P(sc)
-LVN; F Bal-BER; A Ber-
MUN; A KIE S A Ber-Mun;
E_NRG-Nap; F LON S F Eng.
F NTH C A Yor-Bel.

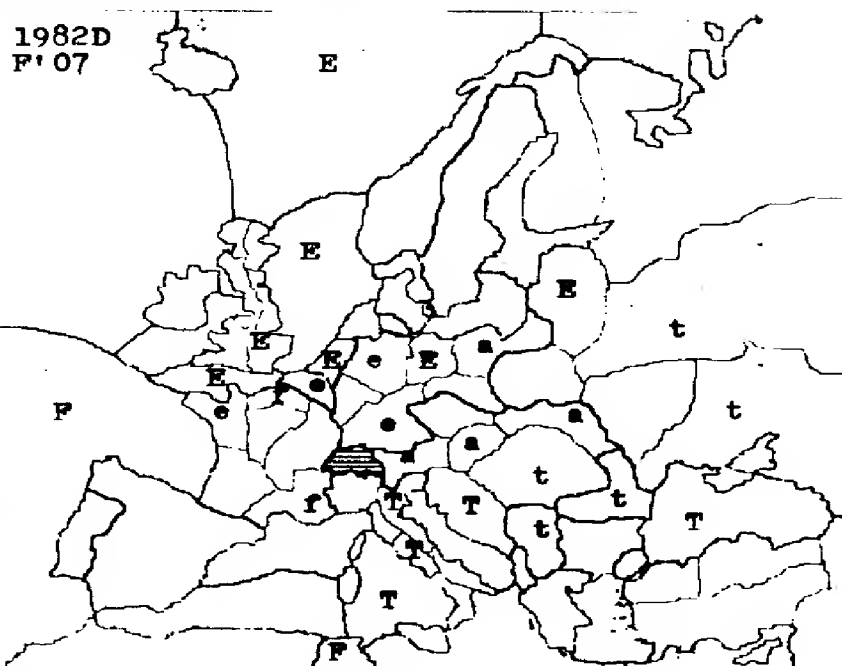
France (Brachman): A PIC-
Bel; E MID-Nap; F Wes-
TUN; F Spa(sc)-MAR.

Italy (Scheifler): A Tun_H
(surprise!) ((I bet!)).

Austria (McCloud?): NMR!!!

A VIE, A Lvn, A Gal,
A Ven A TYR & A PRU U. H.

Turkey (Brawner): A Arm-
SEV; A Bul-RUN; A Rum-
BUD; A SER S A Rum-Bud;
F BLA S A Bul-Rum; F TYN
S FRENCH F Wes-Tun;
F Rom S F Tyn; F Adr-
VEN; F TRI S F Adr-Ven;
A MOS S ENGLISH F St.P(sc)
-Lvn.



The Italian A Tun, Austrian A Lvn and A Ven are all dislodged and annihilated! Here is the 1907 supply center chart:

England: Home, Nwy, Den, Swe, Hol, Bel, St.P, Kie, Ber, MUN, BRE (13). Build 2.

France: Par, Bre, MAR, Spa, Por, TUN (5). Build 1.

Italy: Tun (0). O-U-T ((sob!)).

Austria: Vie, Tri, Bud, War, Ven, Mun, Mar (2). Remove 2 (3 anni).

Turkey: Home, Bul, Rum, Gre, Ser, Sev, Mos, Nap, Rom, TRI, BUD, VEN (14). Build 4 (room for three, was 1 short).

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1982HF PRESS:

Kiel-London: Communicate.

Cedarhurst: Again the mailman. Oh well, onward, ever upward... Santiago!

GM: Why not include a self addressed PC which I'll mail back upon receipt of your orders? Hell of a lot cheaper than the way you did it this time!! Or you could give me a call...

Munich-Vienna: Help us, by helping yourself.

Turkey-Germany: I can't understand it?! You make jokes about how I'm going to die. And yet we killed off Austria, working on our second victim, and you and England haven't taken one French center in 4 game years. Surely, you must be a tactical genius, far superior than I! One thing's for certain, I won't be seeing any English fleets in the Ionian. You'll still be trying to take Spain.

Ankara-London: Are you and Germany sending your moves to France? Or didn't you know that Eric Kane has a P.O. Box addressed Brachman Outguesses.

GM-Ankara: Hardy har, har! Leave it to a mental midget like yourself to come up with that idea! Just for that remark I'm going to NMR you next turn! Or failing that, I'm going to build F Cyprus and attack you!

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"Fall, 1888"

GERMANS EXPOLDE INTO ACTION ON ALL FRONTS! THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

First of all, please note that we have a Miller Number!

Please use it in your correspondence with me.

England (Chisholm): F Mid-POR; F AST S F Mid-Por; F Nao-MID; F ENG S F Nao-Mid; A Gas-NAV; F Nav-BIS; A Par-GAS.

France (Keller): A_Swi_S_GERMAN_A_Swa-Tyr((psq)).

Spain (Belliveau): F Sao-MOR; E_Por-Sao; E_CAD-Sao; A Val-MAD;

A MAR H; A CAT S A Mar.

Sweden (Charneley): F Cour-BALS; A St.P-MOS; A Nos-UKR; A_Sev-Rum;

A Arm-LEV; A PER S A Arm-Lev.

Germany (Wrobel): A Swa-SWI; A BUR S A Swa-Swi; A Mun-TYR; A Gal-BUD; A BOH S A Mun-Tyr; A Sil-WAR; F Kie-DEN.

Italy (Shuetz): F TynS-WES; E_ALBS-Cad; A_PIE-Mar; F LYD S A Pie-Mar; A_Lev-Per; F SMY H.

Austria (Anderson): A Tyr-SWA; A VIE H; F Aeg-CON; A Sin-ARM;

A Ukr-SEV; F BLA & A RUM S A Ukr-Sev; A BUL S A Rum.

The reason that Charneley did not NMR in this game as he did in Bxm02, is because his orders arrived before I had adjudicated the game. Chip announced his resignation from that game, but wishes to continue in this one. The supply center chart for 1888 is on the following page.

1888 supply center chart:

England: Home(3), Ire, Ice, Bre, Par, POR (8). Build 1.
France: Swi (0). O-U-T. (Thanks for finishing it out Mark!).
Spain: Home(3), Ege, Mor, Mar (5). Even (1 anni).
Sweden: Home(3), Arch, Den, Mos, St.P, Sev, Per (7). Build 1
(was 3 short).
Germany: Home(4), Hol, Bel, DEN, War, SWI, BUD (10). Build 3.
Italy: Home(3), Tun, Egy, Smy (6). Even.
Austria: Tri, Vie, Bud, Cluj, Gre, Bul, Mac, Con, Sin, RUM, SEV
(10). Build 2 (1 anni).
Turkey: Rum (0). O-U-T.

Oh, by the way, the Spanish F Por is annihilated and so is
the French A Swi and the Swedish A Sev. The Italian A Lev can
retreat to Egy or OTB. The deadline for W'88 and S'89 is **November
30, 1983**. You should everyone's addresses from other games
except: Chip Charneley, 4065 Concordia Beach, VA Beach, VA, 23456.
PRESS:

Sweden: I don't know what happenned to my orders. My records
show them as mailed 10 days before the deadline. Sorry.

GM: Me too, I never recieved anything but I'm glad your back.

Swabia: The Kaiser wishes to take a closer look at Franco-Swiss
neutrality.

Kiel-Den: Yoo-hoo, anybody home?

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Kingmaker

Turn 1-1455

This game is being guest GM'ed by Scott Cameron (4 Meadow
Lane, Hicksville, NY, 11801.). We could really use some standbys
for it, any volunteers?

**HEIR TODAY, GONER TOMORROW!
SIEGE LEAVES HOWARD HOMELESS!**

Jim Makuc's GREY'S GROUCHY GHOULS; Michael Quirk's POWER HUNGRY;
Dave Anderson's WONDERLAND FACTION; Mark Murray's THORN IN THE ROSE.

After the initial placements, one card was placed in Chancery.
The first four Event Cards were: 1) Plague Calais (Richard/G killed);
2) Royal Death (Dice Roll=7--Henry killed); 3) &4) were holding
cards to Wonderland and Thorn in the Rose.

MOVEMENT:

Berkeley @ Berkeley-H28-H27-W38-W37-Brecon.

Bourchier @ Pleshey-Barnet-St. Albans-Wallingford-Farnham(c).

Courtenay @ Okehamton-D10-D7-Taunton-H36-Bath.

Cromwell @ Tattershall-H2-H24-M35-Towton.

Grey @ Rockingham "moves 5 levels down beneath his castle in search
of the egg of a xenophobiactious lizard" (holds).

Hastings @ Tutbury-Newcastle-Chirk-W10-W9-W8.

Mowbray @ Usk-H27-H26-Tewkesbury-H4-Coventry (enters & seizes Margaret).

Stafford @ Leeds-Rochester-Blackheath-H39-Farnham(c).

Stanley @ Douglas holds.

Le Christopher @ Southampton-S20-S19-S17-S15-S13.

Le Margaret @ Lynn-S30-S29-S28-S27-S26.

Le Rose @ Plymouth-S15-S13-S11-S9-Milford Haven.

kingmaker cont'd.

COMBAT:

Stafford & Bouchier besiege Farnham. The card is: Storms @ Sea/2-1, Grey, Clifford. The siege is successful and both Stafford and Bouchier enter Farnham.

CROWN CARDS: Makuc-58L; Quirk-1Q; Anderson-84P; Murray-4OK. Also, the player controlling Mowbray is given the Duke of Lancaster card.

EVENT CARDS: 1) Card 5X to Grey's Ghouls; 2) Plague Colchester¹⁰⁻¹¹ (no effect); 3) Storms @ Sea/2-1, Pole, Scrope (Le Christopher into Penzance & Le Margaret into either Rochester or Dover); 4) Card 25S to Thorn in the Rose.

Press:

THORN IN THE ROSE: Ah the poisoned thorns are working! Our assassins have killed off two heirs already and not a sword has been drawn. Come, Edward & Margaret, smell the pretty flowers, the pretty red roses.

GREY to GHOULS: Where have you put my egg?!? You blithering zombies! Go get my bat wings and one hair from King Henry's corpse!

CROMWELL to WORLD: Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go. Beheading kings and other things, hi ho, hi ho...

COURTENAY to WORLD: Do I have to take my bath tonight, mom? I wanted to watch King Henry be drawn and quartered.

Deadline for KM is NOVEMBER 26, 1983... To Scott!

PLEASE VOTE IN THE WHITESTONIA PLAYER'S POLL!!

There should be a ballot for both this poll and the Marco poll included in this issue. I cannot stress enough how important it is to vote in these polls. Aside from Peery, the hobby seems to have shaven off a good many excess polls, which make these even more significant. The more people who vote, the more meaningful the results.

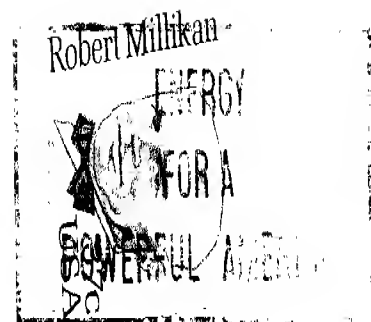
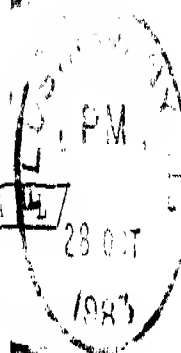
With the little space left, I'll tell you what I've been doing lately: Mostly, school work! I'm having the best quarter of my life. I should be getting nearly all A's, with the exception of one, maybe two classes. AP European History is my favorite; we're studying Machiavelli, he would have been a great Diplomacy player! I was on the Varsity soccer team this year and the season just ended. Our final record was 4-0 (blech!) but we still might qualify for the playoffs depending on how some of the other teams do in the next few days. I scored my one and only goal of the year a couple of weeks ago - made the whole season worth it!

Now the Chess Season starts but at least we don't have to practise every day in chess! I should have some extra free time now except that I now have to right my college applications and essays. Oh, what a tangled web I weave! See you next month!

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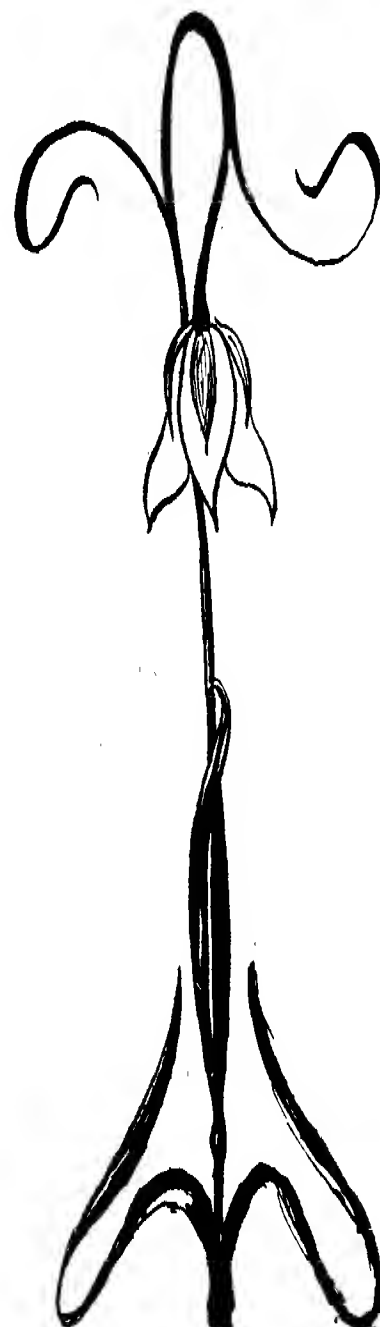
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